

United States Forest Service
Tonto National Forest

EMERGENCY FIRE RESTRICTIONS

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50 (a) , the following acts and omissions are prohibited on the areas, roads, and trails as described in this Order, and as depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “restricted area”), all within the Tonto National Forest, Maricopa, Gila, Yavapai, and Pinal Counties, Arizona:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or wood or charcoal burning stove. 36 CFR 261.52(a)

Exceptions: Campfires will be allowed in fire grills and grates provided by the Forest Service in developed recreation sites as listed in Exhibit B. Gas and propane stoves, lanterns or heating devices are permitted providing such devices meet the fire underwriter’s specifications for safety.

2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site. 36 CFR 261.52(d)
3. Operating an internal combustion engine. 36 CFR 261.52(h)

Exceptions: a) Operating or using a motor vehicle, boat or other watercraft, or any other internal combustion engine, with a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order and meeting either USDA Forest Service Standard 5100-1a or appropriate SAE recommended practice J335 (b) and J350 (a).

4. Welding, or operating an acetylene torch or other torch with open flame. 36 CFR 261.52 (i).
5. Discharging a firearm, except while engaged in a lawful hunt pursuant to state, federal, or tribal laws and regulations. 36 CFR 261.58(m)

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

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1. Residents, owners or lessees of land, and holders of Forest Service special use authorizations within the restricted area, are exempt from prohibition number 1 (building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or wood or charcoal burning stove) provided such fires are within a permanent structure (e.g. dwelling) and a spark arresting device is in use.

AREA DESCRIBED

All National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the Tonto National Forest, Maricopa, Gila, Yavapai, and Pinal Counties, Arizona (Exhibit A).

A list of developed recreation sites excepted from prohibition number 1 is attached hereto and made part of this Order as Exhibit B.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is to provide for the public's health and safety and to protect National Forest System lands, resources and facilities during the current period of severe fire danger.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Prohibitions contained in this Order become effective at 8:00 AM on July 18, 2012, and will remain in effect until rescinded or until August 30, 2012, whichever occurs first.
2. Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [16 USC 551, 18 USC 3559, 3571 and 3581].

Done this 17th day of July 2012, at Phoenix, Arizona.

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EXHIBIT B – DEVELOPED RECREATION SITES EXEMPT FROM PROHIBITION NO.1

Cave Creek Ranger District

Bartlett Lake Recreation Area
Bartlett Lake Marina
Rattlesnake Cove

Needle Rock Day Use Picnic Area

Globe Ranger District

Pioneer Pass, in the Pinal Mtns
Sulphide Del Ray, in the Pinal Mtns
Kellner, in the Pinal Mtns
Lower Pinal, in the Pinal Mtns
Upper Pinal, in the Pinal Mtns
Jones Water, off AZ Hwy 77 north of Globe
Oak Flat, off AZ Hwy 60 east of Superior
Timber Camp
Timber Camp Horse Camp

Mesa Ranger District

Saguaro Lake Marina
Saguaro Del Norte
Butcher Jones
Canyon Lake Marina
Acacia
Boulder
Laguna
Palo Verde
Granite Reef
Phon D Sutton
Coons Bluff
Goldfield
Pebble Beach
Blue Point
Sheep's Crossing
Water Users
Larry Forbis Group Site

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Payson Ranger District

Houston Mesa Campground
Houston Mesa Horse Camp

Pleasant Valley Ranger District

Sawmill Flats Campground
Colcord Ridge Campground
Upper Canyon Creek Campground
Airplane Flats Campground
Valentine Canyon Campground
Haigler Creek Campground
Creek side Campground
Falls Campground
Cascade Campground
Rose Creek Campground